

Please check which category you are nominating this person for:

	Advocacy	An individual or organization that has exhibited outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of people with disabilities in the City of Portland
X	Community Inclusiveness	An individual, organization, or program that has made a significant effort to include people with disabilities in the community in the City of Portland
	Lifetime Achievement	An individual that has spent a significant portion of their life working to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of people with disabilities in the City of Portland
	Transportation	An individual or organization that has worked to improve the accessibility of the City of Portland in regard to transportation issues
	Youth Achievement	An individual under the age of 25 either with a disability or who has contributed to the disability community in a way that promotes inclusivity and awareness in the City of Portland

Name of Nominee: Ann Balzell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Name of Nominator Martha Simpson Phone: 503-223-8595

Email of Nominator: MKS115@comcast.net

In one page or less, please tell us why this individual, organization or program should be honored with the 2009 "Making a Difference" in disability award in the category for which you are nominating them.

Some ideas of things to share could include:

- How has the nominee worked to advocate for the disability community?
- What impact or observable change has occurred due to their efforts?
- An example or story that highlights why the nominee should be honored.

COMMUNITY INCLUSIVENESS- Whenever organizations and other interests gather to discuss people with disabilities as they try to negotiate the streets of Portland, access transportation, etc. Ann Balzell is sure to be at the forefront. She has developed strategies that insure that Portland leaders and others are exposed physically to the daily challenges of people with disabilities. The program "Roll and Stroll" allows business leaders and employees to have a greater understanding of these needs. It is this type of creativity that causes positive changes to occur.

Ann Balzell's efforts have enlightenend many Oregonians with or without disabilities to the challenges that many people face each day. Especially, as they strive to become integrated within a community that holds many physical barriers.